


REMARKS

In response to the requirement to elect a species for initial examination, Applicants elect the compound of formula (VII) which is disclosed on page 31 of the specification. All of the newly submitted claims read on the elected species.

The new claims are supported by the original claims and the specification. In particular, the new claims are supported by original claim 3, 4, 6 and 9 and by the specification at pages 31, 33, 34 and 38.

Entry of this amendment is requested and an action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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